റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Instruction)*.— സക്കാർ സ്കൂളിനെയും ബാധിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

Half-time System in Schools.

163. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of schools in the State with the number of classes in which half-time system exists at present;

do the Government propose to abolish this system?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—Please see list appended. *(Appendix II)*.

The system can be abolished altogether only when funds are available to sanction additional posts of teachers.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—When do such schools work?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—The Schools work under two shifts. In the morning session one set of children is taught.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.— From what time?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*—That is not fixed. The session is from 10 to 4-30. In certain cases it begins from half past nine and ends at four. In any case it won't begin earlier than half past nine (Local time). In cases where teachers do not wish or students do not wish to remain after 4 they begin earlier.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.— Students are to go back after 12 O' clock and the second set is to come after 12 O' clock.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—In many cases. When there are brothers and sisters they always come together and they also return at the same time. The half time system is followed not because that it is an ideal system. Government are trying to make the best of a bad job.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—What will be the commitment of the Government if this half time system is abolished?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—We have been abolishing these little by little. About 5 years ago there were at least 20 or 30. Gradually we are abolishing

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them and in course of time it would be possible to completely wipe out this system.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*.—In this list of 23 schools may I know whether the first four are Sirkar Schools and the others are all aided schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—Yes, as a matter of fact.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*.—are the Government aware that in places where the half time system is expected to be worked all the children are given instruction from 10 to 4?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—Some such cases have been brought to the notice of the authorities. It impairs efficient teaching. To the best of my knowledge this anomaly has been done away with. I cannot say that surreptitiously it has not been done. When it is brought to the notice of the authorities it is put down.

Age-bar exemptions.

164. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (1) whether one K. R. Krishnan, an Ezhuva, was recommended by the Director of Public Instruction or any other officer of the Educational Department for exemption from age-bar;

(2) was it refused by Government;

(3) was he not a School Final and privately trained;

(b) (1) whether one Joseph, a Christian School Final, was also recommended for exemption;

(2) was it sanctioned;

(3) if so, the date of the order sanctioning exemption;

(4) the date of refusing sanction to K. R. Krishnan referred to in (a)?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—

(a) (1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(b) (1) Yes.

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APPENDIX II.

(Question No. 163).

List of schools in the State with the number of classes in which half-time system exists at present.

No.	Schools	Classes	Remarks
1	M. S. Methala	I A and B; I C and D	
2	Do Cranganur	do.	
3	Do Parambikulam	IV and III; II and I	
4	Do Kuriarkutti	do.	
5	St. Antony's School, Vaduthala	I B and C	
6	St. Mary's School, Sn. Chittur	I A and B	
7	A. M. School, Aripalam	do.	
8	St. J. School, Melloor	I B and C	
9	S. V. P. School, Eriyad	do.	
10	L. F. School, Lokamaleswaram	do.	
11	R. C. C. School, Erichampady	III and II	
12	Aided School, Erattakulam	IV and III	
13	Do Kunnathara	III and II	
14	Do Vennur	II and I	
15	St. Francis' School, Vadakancheri	I A and I B	
16	V. P. School, Amballur	do.	
17	Aided School, Varanthrapilly	I A and F; I B and E; I C and D; I G and H	
18	St. Francis Xavier's School, Vedore	I A and D; I B and C	
19	P. M. School, Trikkur	I A and B	
20	S. N. G. School, Karamucku	I B and C	
21	St. Thomas School. Tirur	I A and B; I C and D	
22	C. M. S. School, Urakam	I A and B	
23	St. Joseph's School, Marathakkara	I B and C	

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